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## Friends of the NMPL to hold a book sale

The Friends of the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) will hold a book sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 in the library, 405 N. Market St., North Manchester, according to Shirley Glade. For more information, call 260-982-4773 or email [nmpl@nman.lib.in.us](mailto:nmpl@nman.lib.in.us).

## Second annual Chicken and Chocolate fundraiser set for Saturday

The Knights of Columbus chapter at St. Robert's Catholic Church will be conducting their second annual Chicken and Chocolate fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 28. The Knights will be selling Nelson's BBQ chicken and pit-tatoes from 10 a.m. until sold out in the parking lot at Lances Fresh Market Shopping Plaza, 1204 Indiana 114 W., North Manchester. Chicken halves are \$7 and pit-tatoes are \$4 per serving. Each sale will include a free Tootsie Roll, while supplies last. All of the proceeds will benefit North Manchester Food Pantry, Arc of Wabash, Vernon Manor of Wabash and Wabash Special Olympics.

## 'Liking for Biking' concludes Saturday

Through Saturday, Aug. 28, anyone of any age or skill level who is interested in a free, family-friendly hour-long bike ride is invited to meet at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion, 351 W. Market St. Helmets are required. The next health assessment will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 inside of door 10 at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissing Drive, while the rest of the rides will start at Paradise

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# Wieland new MCS superintendent

Board voted 7-0 to approve contract on Tuesday

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

At a special board meeting Tuesday evening, the Manchester Community Schools (MCS) board voted 7 to 0 to approve current Wabash High School (WHS) principal Kyle Wieland to take over their open superintendent position.

On Friday, Wieland said he "absolutely loved" his 10 years at Wabash City Schools (WCS).

"I've had the opportunity to work with some great

people and I'm proud of the educational opportunities we have been able to provide for students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade," said Wieland. "I especially appreciate the faculty and staff at Wabash High School who continued to support me throughout my time here. They truly care about kids and work hard every day to provide them with great experiences. I will miss working with them each day, but it's nice to know that they are only 15 miles away."

Also on Friday, WCS superintendent Amy Sivley said they were feeling a mix of emotions because of the announcement.

"While we are very sad to

see Mr. Wieland leave Wabash City Schools, we are very excited for him and wish him nothing but the best as the superintendent of Manchester Community Schools," said Sivley. "We do have interviews lined up and hope to have Kyle's replacement in the very near future. The district appreciates the staff's willingness to provide input into what they hope to see in their next leader."

During Tuesday's meeting, Wieland said he wanted to "recognize my fan club I brought tonight" including his wife, Julia, and two children, Austin and London, among others.

"Being a school administrator takes a lot of time and

without their support and understanding I wouldn't be standing here today," said Wieland. "I'd also like to thank the Manchester School Board of trustees for giving me this incredible opportunity. It's truly an honor to be able to serve as the next superintendent at Manchester."

Wieland graduated from Manchester High School in 1994 and later started his teaching career there as a math teacher in 1999.

"I've lived here my entire life," said Wieland. "My daughter goes to school here. My nieces and nephews go to school here. And this is truly home for me."

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# A historically fun summer



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

From June 8 to July 30, the Wabash County Museum offered "Bear Den Days" to families with youth ages 0 to 5 every Wednesday.

Wabash County Museum welcomed 3,500 guests this season

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

As the summer wraps up, new Wabash County Museum director Teresa Galley took stock of the successes of the season.

On Wednesday, Galley said over the summer months they welcomed about 3,500 guests to the Wabash County Museum.

From June 8 to July 30, the Wabash County Museum offered "Bear Den Days" to families with youth ages 0 to 5 every Wednesday.

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Modoc the Elephant; Canal Boat week; Glacier and Fossil week; and Down on

the Farm week.

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## NMPL partners with Babe of Wabash County

Families with children 5 and younger who attend Storytimes will receive coupons

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Babe of Wabash County has only been open in Wabash for a short while now, but local families are already experiencing the benefits.

And now with a new partnership announced by the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) the extra support now available will only continue to grow.

On Wednesday, NMPL adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann said they were



Provided photo

Families who attend Storytimes at 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and one Saturday per month, at the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) will receive Babe of Wabash County coupons at each session for each 0- to 5-year-old in attendance.

teaming up with Babe of Wabash County "as part of its ongoing commitment to building a strong, healthy community."

Hann said families who attend Storytimes at 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays,

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## School boards should be discussing COVID-19 protocols in public, official says

Indiana Public Access Counselor says executive sessions shouldn't be used to discuss guidelines

By JARED KEEVER

Peru Tribune Editor

The state official who works to ensure the public has proper access to government meetings says school boards meeting behind closed doors to discuss changes to their COVID-19 protocols should be holding those meetings in public.

In the past week, both the Maconaquah (Monday) and North Miami (Thursday) school boards have held closed door executive sessions to discuss possible

changes to back-to-school guidelines as cases of the diseases caused by the novel coronavirus continue to rise in the county.

In both instances the boards provided notice of the meetings citing, as required, one of the enumerated reasons within state code that allows for the private meeting. Both provided the language in the code saying they were meeting to "discuss the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and

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## ISDH reports 85th, 86th local COVID-19 deaths

Wabash County, along with most of the state, remain at orange advisory level

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported the 85th and 86th COVID-19 deaths in Wabash County.

On the same day, the ISDH updated their weekly dashboard showing Wabash County, like most of the rest of the state, as being in the orange, or second-highest, level.

The last time Wabash County's local rates of transmission were this high was in February.

During a televised press conference on Friday, state health commissioner Dr. Kristina Box said the data from throughout the state reflected this disturbing local trend.

"Indiana has experienced its worst COVID-19 surge since last winter," said Box.

Box said increases in cases have been seen across all age groups, including children. Box said hospital capacity and staff shortages have become rampant.

Box said more than 98 percent of new cases have tested positive for the "extremely infectious" Delta variant, which has fueled the increase in cases lately.

"None of this is good news for Hoosiers. I've heard other medical professionals around the country state that this is the darkest time in the pandemic. Unfortunately, I share those

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# Freely give mercy to others

By **ROBB RENSBERGER**

In James 2:13 we read; “because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful.” (NIV 1984)

Here are two definitions of mercy I like to use; “Kindness or help given to people who are in a very bad or desperate situation; Kind or forgiving treatment of someone who could be treated harshly.”

Spiritually speaking, these two definitions describe each human.

Every person is in a very bad and desperate situation when it comes to their eternal destination. We have all sinned and failed to live up to God’s standard of goodness, the Ten Commandments. We have all broken at least one of them at least once. This means we have sinned against God. God is holy and cannot allow sin into heaven. We all have an eternal soul and when our physical bodies die, our soul can only go to one of two places, either heaven or hell. If we cannot enter heaven with our sin, then our souls are bound for hell. This is a bad and desperate situation. But God has had mercy on us by giving us kindness

and help. This kindness and help is mercy in the form of a way to have our sins forgiven. This plan was Jesus dying on the cross and taking the punishment we deserve for our sins on Himself. This is God’s mercy for us.

With Jesus dying for our sins and making a way for them to be forgiven, God was showing kind and forgiving treatment to us who should be treated harshly, as our sins deserve punishment. But because of Jesus and his sacrifice we are not treated harshly by having to pay the punishment for our sins. No, we are shown mercy.

This is why it is important to show mercy to others if you have received mercy from God.

If you are not merciful to others, God will not be merciful toward you. How are you showing mercy to others? How are you showing kindness or giving help to people who are in a very bad and desperate situation? How are you showing kind or forgiving treatment of someone who could be treated harshly?

I am thankful for Jesus’ mercy of taking the punishment for my sins. This mercy is available for everyone. All

we need to do is receive it. We receive it by confessing our sins, repenting of our sins, and believing on Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins.

When we confess, repent, and believe, we receive forgiveness and experience God’s mercy.

Once we experience God’s mercy, we are to show this same mercy to others.

Instead of holding on to unforgiveness and becoming bitter, we are to forgive and show mercy. Is there any unforgiveness or bitterness in your heart toward another person?

God has given you the example to follow. Instead of holding your sins against you, he showed you mercy and forgave your sins. He showed you kindness and gave you help when you were in a very bad and desperate situation, concerning your sin and eternity in hell. And he showed you kind and forgiving treatment when you should have been treated harshly, because of your sins.

Now, that you have freely received mercy, go and freely give mercy to others.

*Robb Rensberger is the senior pastor of First Church of God in Wabash.*

## WIELAND

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Wieland said what appealed to him the most about the position was “the great people that work here.”

“Manchester Community Schools, they employ over 200 people. We’re talking about bus drivers, cafeteria workers, custodians, maintenance crew, paraprofessionals, secretaries, counselors, administrators and very importantly, teachers. All of them play a vital role in the success of this corporation in providing incredible opportunities for our students,” said Wieland. “Another thing that I know, having been here all my life is that I know the com-



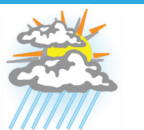


munity of North Manchester supports this corporation and they want to see us be successful. So, I look forward to as we move forward working with our community partners and community members to provide all the support necessary for our teachers to continue to create opportunities for our students. I know that this district has a great future ahead and I’m just excited to be a part of that. Once again, thank you, school board, for trusting me with this position. And I look forward to continuing to serve this district and the community of North Manchester for years to come.”

Until this week, MCS had been in the process of searching for a new superintendent

after the previous superintendent Teresa Gremaux informed the board of her resignation plans. On June 30, MCS communications director Randy Self said Gremaux had been offered and intended to accept employment with another school corporation. MCS board president David Terflinger said Gremaux is now the superintendent of East Noble School Corporation, and that the MCS board had since appointed Steve Darnell as their interim superintendent. Terflinger said they had also enlisted outside help in the form of a consultant.





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### 5-Day Weather Summary

 <b>Saturday</b> Mostly Sunny 91 / 72	 <b>Sunday</b> Scattered T-storms 89 / 71	 <b>Monday</b> Few Showers 86 / 68	 <b>Tuesday</b> Scattered T-storms 83 / 64	 <b>Wednesday</b> Isolated T-storms 80 / 60
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### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 8:19 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:08 a.m.

 Last 8/30	 New 9/6	 First 9/13	 Full 9/20
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### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 91°, humidity of 59%. South wind 2 to 6 mph. The heat index for today could reach up to 99°. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 72°.

## PUBLIC

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security measures, plans, and systems.”

Superintendents at both schools said they were advised by their attorneys to use that provision to call the sessions.

But Luke Britt, Indiana’s Public Access Counselor, says he doesn’t believe that is the proper use.

“No, in my opinion it is not,” he told the Tribune on Monday.

Instead, he said, it was designed to discuss things like responses to “more of a man-made hazard.” In such a meeting, boards could discuss things like lockdown procedures for instances when students’ safety is threatened.

Keeping discussion of that information out of a public meeting has the benefit of keeping it from people who “could exploit that for nefarious reasons,” Britt said.

Monday was not the first time Britt had been asked.

In an October memo, available through his office’s website, Britt said the question of school boards’ usage of executive sessions to develop back-to-school plans had been a “frequent inquiry.”

The memo notes the enumerated reasons, and applicable code, under which the boards may hold such a session and said that “active threats and responses should indeed be kept in-house to ensure those who intend to visit harm schoolchildren or staff are not privy to those plans.”

“Back-to-school plans during the COVID-19 pan-

demie may be a separate issue, however, and not exactly what the legislature intended,” he wrote. “While serious and not to be dismissed, COVID-19 is a passive threat insofar as public knowledge of public health plans will not give COVID a heads-up to target a child or a building. The virus, thankfully, does not have eyes and ears. The harm comes from the virus itself and not from knowledge of mitigation efforts.”

“It is difficult to imagine a scenario wherein those plans – or safety considerations generally – would be compromised if discussions were held during a public meeting.”

However, he pointed out in the memo, “the statute is clear and unambiguous in that it includes school safety plans without qualification.”

“To the extent school boards choose to hold executive sessions under these auspices, the wording of the law would likely support that decision,” he wrote. “The intent and purpose of the law, however, is another matter altogether. Therefore it is the official position of this office that back-to-school pandemic plan discussions should be held in public.”

The topic came up at Wednesday night’s Maconaquah School Board meeting.

Board members that night voted on, and passed, new back-to-school guidelines that required students to start wearing face coverings in the buildings. The resolution that made the changes was drafted in the Monday night executive session.

As the board moved to vote on the proposed changes they were peppered with

shouted questions from the audience.

“How are you not all asking questions unless you’ve already discussed this outside of all the public?” one asked.

“We had an informational meeting on Monday,” Board President Robert Daine said.

He explained that the executive session was an opportunity to meet with the board’s attorney and gather more information from school nurses and talk with other administrators

They discussed “two or three different options” but had not put a specific policy in place.

The explanation did not seem to please those who shouted the objections.

“I’m sorry, this should have been discussed in front of all us,” one said.

The question of mask mandates and other responses to the COVID-19 pandemic has led to tense, sometimes heated, public meetings around the state and country in recent months.

Asked if boards were holding executive sessions in order to deliberate in a more peaceful environment before presenting a proposal to the public, Britt said that shouldn’t matter.

Any board, he said, has the authority to remove people from a public business meeting who are causing a disruption, and calling a private meeting to avoid having to do that in anticipation of a discussion becoming heated is not the proper use of an executive session.

“The board has control over its meeting,” he said.

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Spring Historical Park with wheels rolling at 9 a.m. For more information, [www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series](http://www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series) or call 260-563-7171.

### Downtown Wabash Shop Hop runs throughout August

Shop Hop has returned to downtown Wabash through Tuesday, Aug. 31 and includes a chance to win a prize of \$100 in Shop Hop Dollars, which are redeemable at the participating businesses. Participants will take an August Shop Hop form to each participating business and receive a validation mark, no purchase necessary. Once the Shop Hop form is 100 percent completed, participants will submit their form to one of the participating businesses, Bickford of Wabash, 3037 W.

Division Road, or the Wabash Marketplace office, 189 S. Miami St., August Shop Hop forms must be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 for a chance to win. The winner will be selected in early September. Four downtown businesses participating in August’s Shop Hop include Schlemmer’s Fire & Outdoor, 108 W. Canal St., Wabash CrossFit, 120 W. Canal St., Charley Creek Inn Candy & Ice Cream Shoppe, 111 W. Market St., and Visit Wabash County, 221 S. Miami St. Entry forms are available at each of the participating businesses and a digital copy of the form is available at [WabashMarketplace.org](http://WabashMarketplace.org).

### INDOT to begin asphalt resurfacing on Indiana 13

Asphalt resurfacing has been planned on Indiana 13 between County Road 700 and County Road 800. The work is expected to be complete by the beginning of

September.

### Wabash Marketplace to host tent party in downtown Wabash

Wabash Marketplace is celebrating 40 years of growth and revitalization in downtown Wabash in 2021 with a tent party on September’s First Friday from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 at the Veteran’s Plaza and Tremont Parking Lot in downtown Wabash. The event is free and open to the public. The event begins at 5 p.m. with free karaoke, courtesy of Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) to promote the upcoming “Sister Act” performances. Local band, 35 Trax, featuring Bob Pilgrim, Tom Elshire and Jerry Wade will take the stage from 7 to 10 p.m. with classic rock favorites. Guests are invited to wear their favorite 1980s attire and join the party. For more information, visit [WabashMarketplace.org/first-friday](http://WabashMarketplace.org/first-friday).



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# Obituaries

## Russell Lee Krom

May 14, 1944 – Aug 24, 2021

Russell Lee Krom, 77, of rural Roann, Indiana, died at 4:02 pm, Tuesday, Aug 24, 2021, at Goshen Hospital. He was born on May 14, 1944, in Wabash, Indiana, to Norris and Grace (Williams) Krom.

Russell was a 1962 graduate of Roann High School. He married Marie Ann Weiss at the Roann Christian Church on July 11, 1965. Russell was a longtime farmer and also co-owned along with his son, Krom Frams, Repair, and Restoration. He was a member of the Roann Christian Church, the Roann Lions Club, and was a long-time President of the Roann Tractor Pull Committee. Making wooden model toys was his hobby, but tractor pulling was his passion.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Ann Krom of Roann, three children, Rusty (Shawn) Ashby of Camden, Indiana, Misty (Brian) Reed of Blacklick, Ohio, and Dewayne Krom of North Manchester, Indiana, eight grandchildren, Scott Ashby and Megan Ashby, both of Camden, Braeden Reed and Carsen Reed, both of Blacklick, Kaleb Krom, Lucas Krom, Faith Krom, and Ethan Krom, all of North



Manchester, and his sister-in-law, Louella Krom of Roann. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Vonell Krom.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Monday, Aug 30, 2021, at Roann Christian Church, with Chris Ponchot officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery. Friends may call 2-6 pm Sunday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, 335 S. Chippewa Rd., Roann, and one hour prior to the service Monday at the church.

Preferred memorial is Roann Tractor Pull.

The memorial guest book for Russell may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Jayne Lois Pepple

June 30, 1934 – Aug 25, 2021

Jayne Lois Pepple, 87, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 3:44 am, Wednesday, Aug 25, 2021, at Peabody Healthcare Center in North Manchester, where she had lived the past five years. She was born on June 30, 1934, in Jersey City, New Jersey, to Joseph and Leah (Balch) Freund.

Jayne married Richard Loren Pepple in Cos Cob, Connecticut on December 23, 1962; he died Oct 22, 2003. She loved dancing, and was a Radio City Rockette over 15 years, starting at the age of 15 and continuing until her mid 30s. Jayne was a member of the Wabash First United Methodist Church. She loved her dog Mistletoe.

She is survived by her stepson, Robert “Bob” (Deborah) Pepple of Warren-

ville, Illinois, and her brother, Gordon (Judith) Freund of Short Hills, New Jersey. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and two step-children, John Pepple and Susan Bello.

Funeral services will be 11 am, Saturday, Aug 28, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor John Cook officiating. Entombment will be in Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum, at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 10-11am Saturday, Aug 28, 2021.

Preferred memorial is First United Methodist Choir.

The memorial guest book for Jayne may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Frances E. Barker

May 10, 1925 – Aug 24, 2021

Frances E. Barker, 96, of Wabash, passed away on Tuesday, Aug 24, 2021, at Parkview Wabash Hospital. She was born on May 10, 1925, in Westerly, Rhode Island, to the late Nicolo and Concetta Broccolo.

Frances married Walter Ivan Barker on Jan 21, 1950; he passed away on Sept 19, 2009.

Frances’ legacy lives on in

her many beloved nieces and nephews.

Per Frances’ wishes, private graveside services will be held at Falls Cemetery.

The family of Frances E. Barker have trusted McDonald Funeral Homes, Wabash, Indiana, with final arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com).

## Cecilia Dolores (Laurie) Hardy

Cecilia Dolores (Laurie) Hardy passed away on July 19, 2021 at the age of 95.

She will be missed by her children, six grandchildren, (17) great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and three adopted grandchildren.

Funeral Mass and Committal Service will be held Saturday, Sept 11, 2021 at

11 a.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 1203 State Road 114, North Manchester, Indiana. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church.

Arrangements are entrusted to Zoeller Funeral Home, New Braunfels, Texas and McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, Indiana.

## MUSEUM

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read theme-based stories provided by Wabash Carnegie Public Library to the children and their adults followed by a special themed craft activity, including fossil making with air dry clay, icing an elephant-shaped cookie from Oh My Cakes, and more,” said Galley. “After the stories and activities, the families headed up to The Bear Den for an hour of play.”

Galley said for older youth in first through sixth grades, the Wabash County Museum offered the “Museum Explorers Program.”

“The staff created grade-appropriate self-guided scavenger hunts that young guests could complete by moving through our exhibits,” said Galley.

“When the completed scavenger hunt forms were returned to the front desk, the youth could select a small prize and their name was entered into a drawing for larger prizes at the end of the summer. Some of our drawing winners received STEM-focused prizes and one even won a Family Pass to the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo.”

Galley said they also welcomed seniors to the museum for free on Wednesdays and dropped their admission to \$1 on First Fridays.

“During First Fridays, we unveiled updated exhibits for Wabash County Small Towns and Modoc the Elephant,” said Galley.

For more information, visit [www.wabashmuseum.org](http://www.wabashmuseum.org).

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## VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

### Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, Aug. 29 at Asbury Country Church, 1998 E. 250 South, the Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m., and the worship service at 10:30 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick and the piano will be by Roger Marine. The Morning Message will be, “When the Time Is Right” by Pastor Mike Bullick.

### Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting [www.bachelorcreek.com](http://www.bachelorcreek.com).

### Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Aug. 29 worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards’ scripture reading will be John 1:4 with a sermon reflection titled “Light and Life.” Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/](http://www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/).

### Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

### College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

### Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

### Dora Christian Church

On Sunday, Aug. 29 at Dora Christian Church in Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday services, one at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message for both services will be, “Angels Watching Over Me” from 2 Kings 6:8-23. The Communion Table will be served by Brad Frieden and Scott Hendry. There will be no Children’s Church provided for the 10:30 a.m. service as it is Family Sunday. The recorded sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian

Church Facebook group the morning of Sunday, Aug. 29.

### LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at [www.lafontainechristian.com](http://www.lafontainechristian.com) under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

### LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

### Lincolnvile United Methodist Church

Lincolnvile United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. For more information, email [pastorjohn1954@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjohn1954@gmail.com) or call 260-563-1406.

### Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit [www.livingfaithwabash.org](http://www.livingfaithwabash.org).

### Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting [www.manchestercob.net](http://www.manchestercob.net). Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

### North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

### North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting [NMMC1.com](http://NMMC1.com).

### Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting [www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch](http://www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch) or through the church website [www.olivebranch.church](http://www.olivebranch.church). Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

### Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email [rvumc@hotmail.com](mailto:rvumc@hotmail.com).

### Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

### Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

### Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to [www.urbanayokeparish.com](http://www.urbanayokeparish.com). Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

### Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 West Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website [wabashchristian.org](http://wabashchristian.org). Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

### Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children’s church or Sunday school at this time. Masks are recommended. On Sun-

day, Aug. 29 and Sunday, Sept. 26, Pastor Doug Beal will be off, with plans to be determined. On Sunday, Sept. 5, the sermon will be, “What is Love?” based on 1 Corinthians 13. On Sunday, Sept. 12, the sermon will be, “Take up your cross” based on Mark 8:27-38. On Sunday, Sept. 19, the sermon will be, “Anointing” based on James 5:13-20. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at [pastordoug@wabashcob.org](mailto:pastordoug@wabashcob.org).

### Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit [www.wabashnaz.com](http://www.wabashnaz.com), look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

### Wabash First Church of God

In the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on “Psalm 133.” The sermon may also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sundays on 105.9 FM. Sunday Servants are Pastor Robb Rensberger, chairperson; Chris Sands, worship; Judy Hannah, special music; Nancy Kolb, piano; and Rose Sands, organ.

### Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children’s worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. We invite all to come and worship with us for a special outdoor service at 9 a.m. with doughnuts, coffee, milk and juice. For more information, visit [www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com](http://www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com).

### Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/zionwabash](http://www.facebook.com/zionwabash) at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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have been reported to date based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

A total of 3,879,280 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 3,864,626 on Thursday. A total of 12,121,074 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) and click on the COVID-19 testing information link. Clinics are being added regularly around the state. Hoosiers age 12 and older can receive a COVID-19 vaccine; individuals younger than age 18 are eligible for the Pfizer vaccine only. To find a vaccination clinic near you, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov> or call 211 if you do not have access to a computer or require assistance. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are accepted at most sites.

Patients with an appointment at a state-hosted public vaccination site can get a free Uber or Lyft ride. Call 2-1-1 or (866) 211-9966 to receive a voucher to cover the cost of an Uber ride to and from your vaccination appointments. IU Health offers free Lyft rides to any vaccine site in the state. Call 888-IUHEALTH (888-484-3258) and choose option 9 if you need transportation to your vaccine appointment.

As of Friday, a total of 6,177,799 doses have been administered in Indiana. This includes 3,099,703 first doses and 3,078,096 individuals who are fully vaccinated. The fully vaccinated number represents individuals who have received a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and those who received the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

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## DEATHS

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sentiments,” said Box.

In response to this rash of recent cases, the ISDH will be sending a “strike team” to conduct COVID-19 testing and vaccinations next week.

On Monday, Mayor Scott Long said the ISDH, in conjunction with the Wabash County Health Department and the city of Wabash, will be conducting the drive-thru testing and vaccination services from noon to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30 through Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 1340 Manchester Ave.

The single-dose Johnson & Johnson and the two-dose, recently Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved BioNTech Pfizer vaccines will be available. Binax, or rapid, testing and PCR testing will also be available at the clinic.

The ISDH is also deploying mobile clinics to

the following counties this weekend to provide vaccinations in Allen, Boone, Dearborn, Jay, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry, Scott and Vanderburgh counties.

“Many of the locations also will include free COVID-19 testing. Hoosiers in the ZIP codes in which the clinics are located will receive a text message or email informing them of the locations and services offered,” stated the ISDH on Friday.

On Friday, the ISDH announced that 4,893 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 843,700 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s dashboard.

To date, 13,936 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 21 from those reported on Thursday. Another 437 probable deaths



# Opinion

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The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

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Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

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For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

# Mr. President, get them out now. Bring them home safely

There are moments in American history when the hopes of a nation turn on the next critical move a president makes.

Dwight Eisenhower's decision in 1957 to federalize the Arkansas National Guard so Black teenagers, the Little Rock Nine, could survive a trip to school was one such instance. John F. Kennedy's deft handling of the Cuban missile crisis in 1962, which prevented a nuclear war, was another. As was George W. Bush's success in rallying the nation from atop the rubble of 9/11.

It's now Joe Biden's turn. The lives of an estimated 1,500 American citizens are at stake in Afghanistan, according to what Secretary of State Antony Blinken reported Wednesday.

Those Americans and their families, along with thousands of Afghan allies, remain stranded as a deadline of Tuesday for withdrawing all U.S. forces approaches and an air of desperation envelops the Kabul airport.

Mr. President, you must bring all of our fellow Americans home safely. And you must not abandon those thousands of Afghans who risked their lives

to aid our nation and who now face capture and even death at the hands of the Taliban.

It's America's moral duty as a nation – and yours as commander in chief – to complete this rescue mission successfully. Mr. President, you must do all that you can to get them all out now.

Biden scoffed in July about any comparison between these last days and the frenzied U.S. exit from Saigon in 1975: "None whatsoever. Zero." But now, the world has watched as Afghans fell to their death after clinging to U.S. aircraft and as adults and children were trampled by frantic crowds surging toward the airport.

"This is about real people. Many scared. Many desperate," Blinken conceded.

To Biden's credit, since the collapse of the Afghan government, the president has orchestrated one of the largest airlifts of refugees in American history. Some 4,500 U.S. citizens and their families are among 82,300 airlifted out since Aug. 14.

But that success illustrates how much of this frenzied exit could have been accomplished sooner, under safer conditions,

if undertaken in the weeks after Biden's decision in April to pull U.S. forces out of Afghanistan.

Biden said Tuesday he's "on a pace" to pull the last American soldier out of Afghanistan by Aug. 31. The Taliban are insisting the United States abide by that deadline under penalty of "consequences."

But those 1,500 U.S. citizens remain (and that number doesn't include legal residents of America, who remain in Afghanistan but are not included in the official tally, Blinken said). The lives of thousands of Afghans who worked with the U.S. government and NATO allies also are in jeopardy.

Their only hope now is to reach the airport and to be flown to safety outside the country.

And as the time for the last flight out draws near, travel to the airport becomes even more perilous as Taliban soldiers block roads and fears of suicide bombers emerge.

Mr. President, you will bear responsibility for their fate. Like presidents before you, this is your moment to lead with conviction and courage. History will be your judge.

*This editorial was first published in USA Today.*



# Afghanistan: Stepping away from nation-building

On CBS-TV's Sunday Morning this week, a former Army sergeant who left parts of both arms and legs in Afghanistan came on and tried to say something positive in the face of our ugly retreat from that country.

He talked about being "angry, hurt, depressed and hopeless" after his injuries but finding solace in the fact that "Afghanistan wasn't all for nothing."

"We did good," he said of America's 20-year involvement, listing all the things we gave the Afghans: wells to provide fresh drinking water; schools to provide education for all, including women; hospitals to provide access to Western medicine; infrastructure, which improved the local economy by providing jobs.

"Those are all tools that the population will hopefully be able to use even after we leave."

Sadly, I think he was wrong. The Taliban to whom we surrendered the country are monsters whose goal is to kill or convert everyone in their path, and they will erase every good thing we think we've left there as they march Afghanistan back to its barbarous past.

It was painful to listen to him.

But it did force me to do something I'd been avoiding. For two weeks, I had resisted even thinking about Afghanistan, let alone considering writing a column about it. Watching our ignominious withdrawal play out on TV was just too reminiscent of another debacle that left me feeling angry, hurt and

**Leo Morris**



desperate people who had foolishly believed our promises and effectively telling our Gold Star families their loved ones had died for no good reason. I believed I could never again feel so ashamed of America.

I was wrong. It has been far worse this time because we had our own historical mistake to learn from and only the most willfully ignorant could fail to see it coming.

What possible insight could I glean from this farce worth writing about?

But I found a glimmer of good in the sergeant's words about what we left in Afghanistan – the wells, hospitals, schools, infrastructure. We have all of that in the U.S. and take it for granted.

And so much more. We have the rule of law and the respect for individual rights. We have tolerance for alternative lifestyles and dissenting opinions. We have an appreciation for other cultures. We have entrepreneurial zeal and courage to face the unknown.

Just imagine if we didn't have all that. Imagine this were a country where we had no rights except what ruthless fanatics decided we should have. Imagine being not a citizen of America, but of what Afghanistan will be very

soon.

Too many Americans today seem in thrall to a small but noisy cadre of agitators who want us to see this country as institutionally racist, perpetually oppressive, deliberately divided into victimizers and the victimized. No matter how much progress we have made toward being a more decent, civilized nation, it is never enough.

It would be pointless trying to reason with the revolutionary provocateurs, but surely those being seduced by them can be persuaded to consider what their lives would be like if they truly lived in an oppressive society.

We cannot force our values on other people and expect them to stick, any more than we can hope the infrastructure we export can survive a backward regime. People have to seek those values, as the many millions who immigrated to America have done.

But those values have to be alive and well here, cherished and nurtured. Considering the bunch in charge these days, who seem as clueless as they are callous, we can't count on our political class. Many of them, in fact, are happily in the Evil America cheering section.

So, it is up to us. But then, it always has been.

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# The inflation puzzle, partly solved

One of the great recent puzzles in economics has been the absence of inflation, particularly in the years after the Great Recession. Some recent research explains why inflation has been so muted for so long. This work also suggests that inflation will be of diminishing concern in the future. Those conclusions will be hard for many to swallow, so let me explain.

Americans under age 50 will have no meaningful memory of inflation, while Americans over 60 will have sharp and unpleasant memories of its effects. Fixed mortgage rates provide a good example. A 1981 home buyer faced a 30-year-fixed mortgage rate of 18.5 percent, but a decade later, in 1991, it was half that rate. That same mortgage is today at 2.8 percent, perhaps a record low.

Inflation affects nearly everything from the price of goods and services to credit card rates and wages. It is not something that affects just a few products or commodities. In that way, inflation reduces the standard of living of families. Inflation also slows economic growth by imposing a de facto tax on savings while shifting wealth from those who save to those who borrow.

The reemergence of inflation risk is not an idle worry. Inflation helped push Hitler to political prominence, and ushered in dictatorships from Argentina to Zimbabwe. Inflation is not just a minor financial phenomenon. The underlying cause of inflation is an excess supply of money in an economy. The most acute examples involve governments or central banks increasing the money supply to bolster a lagging economy.

The huge stimulus payments and easy money policies in the wake of the Great Recession caused inflation fears. More than a decade ago, I penned columns warning about the growing risk of inflation, a concern shared by most economists. Thankfully, our worries didn't materialize, but that failure of our predictive models unleashed a torrent of new research on the topic. In my judgement, that work has largely solved a decade-long puzzle.

Inflation is caused by excess money, but for it to actually occur, markets for goods and services must experience price increases. Labor markets also respond with wage increases. However, today's labor markets are in the midst of historic change. Automation has replaced many jobs, particularly those that have routine tasks, such as assembly line work. These differed from less routine types of jobs in their response to recessions. Within that modest fact lies the key to the puzzle.

Workers who perform more abstract tasks tend to change jobs more readily, which makes those labor markets more fluid. Workers in more routine tasks change jobs less frequently, making their labor markets less fluid, or more rigid. One study of European workers found that the labor markets for non-routine workers saw three times as much fluidity or job changes as those for routine workers. For example, consider which worker is more likely to change employers this year, a web designer or an assembly plant worker.

There are many reasons why this labor market fluidity may exist. Perhaps the workers who perform abstract tasks are more comfortable changing jobs. Maybe the business that employs lots of non-routine workers has larger capital investments, and so is more reluctant to risk suspend operations due to staffing shortages. Whatever the reason, this is simply an empirical fact.

Over the past three decades, labor markets have created far more non-routine or abstract jobs while eliminating routine jobs. For example, 81 percent of all the new jobs created in the U.S. since the end of the Great Recession went to college graduates, whose occupations comprise more abstract tasks. This makes labor markets far more fluid, but there are regional variations in these changes. The best laboratory for this is Europe, where there are differences in both the mix of occupations and inflation. Two economists at the French Central bank studied this in depth.

By controlling for industry differences in countries, and changes to policy by individual central banks, these authors were able to isolate the effects of labor market fluidity on inflation. They found that the more polarized the workforce, the less inflation was observed. Because Europe had both a sovereign debt crisis and a Great Recession over the past 15 years, there were also two different sets of impacts to help calibrate their findings.

There are other hints that underlying conditions in labor markets may be holding down inflation.

Two economists in the U.S. (Amanda Weinstein at Akron, and Carlianne Patrick at Georgia State) found the unemployment rate was far lower in cities with a higher mix of abstract occupations. In cities with a higher share of workers performing routine tasks, the unemployment rate was higher, and more volatile during recessions. This implies, but does not conclude higher labor market fluidity in the abstract occupations.

What is not yet clear is why this labor market fluidity helps keep inflation in check. It may be that businesses face fewer shocks to profitably due to more fluid labor markets, and thus are less inclined to raise prices. Or, it may be that the more fluid labor markets occur mostly in firms that already enjoy some monopoly power. Larger firms tend to change prices less frequently, even when others around them do so. At least, that is what my doctoral dissertation reported. Thus, if we are indeed living in a more monopolized world, there will be fewer inflationary shocks.

There are two things about this most readers will find interesting. The first is that this provides a pretty clear insight on how research works. Economic models of inflation worked well for decades, then their predictions failed. This caused theorists and empiricists to head back to their blackboards and computers. The second interesting issue is that if this holds true, we should expect less inflationary pressure in the future.

There is much discussion about inflation in today's political and economic news. We've just been through an historic economic crisis accompanied by an historic fiscal and monetary stimulus. Several products, like lumber or used automobiles have seen big price swings. But, if we look at consumer inflation over the last two decades, this is nothing but a modest adjustment period. Right now, that is what the evidence suggests we should expect.

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# LIFESTYLES

## A lighter side of couscous

Couscous is an excellent side dish or vegetarian option that is perfect for outdoor dining. It can be served warm or cold, has a satisfying kick of spice, and is healthy to boot. Just a plate of couscous, you think? Well, not quite. Unlike Middle Eastern couscous, which is made with tiny grains of semolina wheat, this couscous is a grain-free alternative, and therefore



gluten-free. The star of the show is cauliflower. Its versatility, sturdy texture and nutty, buttery flavor seamlessly transform otherwise wheat-y and starchy preparations. Cauliflower is a healthy, tasty stand-in for wheat in flour mixes for pizza crust, crackers, breads and pasta. When finely chopped, it's a great substitute for rice, and when pureed, cauliflower is a light and fluffy alternative to mashed potatoes. While the end results have a notable nutty and vegetal quality, cauliflower, with all of its iterations, is light, gluten-free and delicious. In this couscous recipe, cauliflower florets are blitzed into tiny pieces, then sauteed in a pan until crisp-tender. Next,

proceed as you would with a traditional couscous dish, tumbling it with bunches of chopped green herbs, vegetables and spices. The extra bonus is that, unlike wheat couscous, which requires the absorption of a large amount of water and olive oil to soften, cauliflower couscous needs only a splash or two of oil in which to saute. So, have at it with no regrets, and dig in with a big spoon.

### Lemony Cauliflower Couscous

- Active time: 10 minutes**  
**Total time: 10 minutes**  
**Yield: Serves 4 to 6**
- 1 medium head cauliflower, cored, leaves discarded, florets coarsely chopped**  
**2 tablespoons olive oil**  
**2 garlic cloves, minced**  
**2 teaspoons ground cumin**  
**1 teaspoon ground coriander**  
**1 teaspoon sweet paprika**  
**1 teaspoon kosher salt, or more to taste**  
**1/4 teaspoon cayenne**  
**1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper**  
**1 to 2 red jalapeno or serrano pep-**
- pers, seeded, finely diced**  
**1 poblano pepper, seeded, finely diced**  
**2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice**  
**1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest**  
**1/2 cup (packed) chopped Italian parsley leaves**  
**1/2 cup (packed) chopped cilantro leaves and tender stems**  
**1/4 cup (packed) chopped fresh mint leaves**

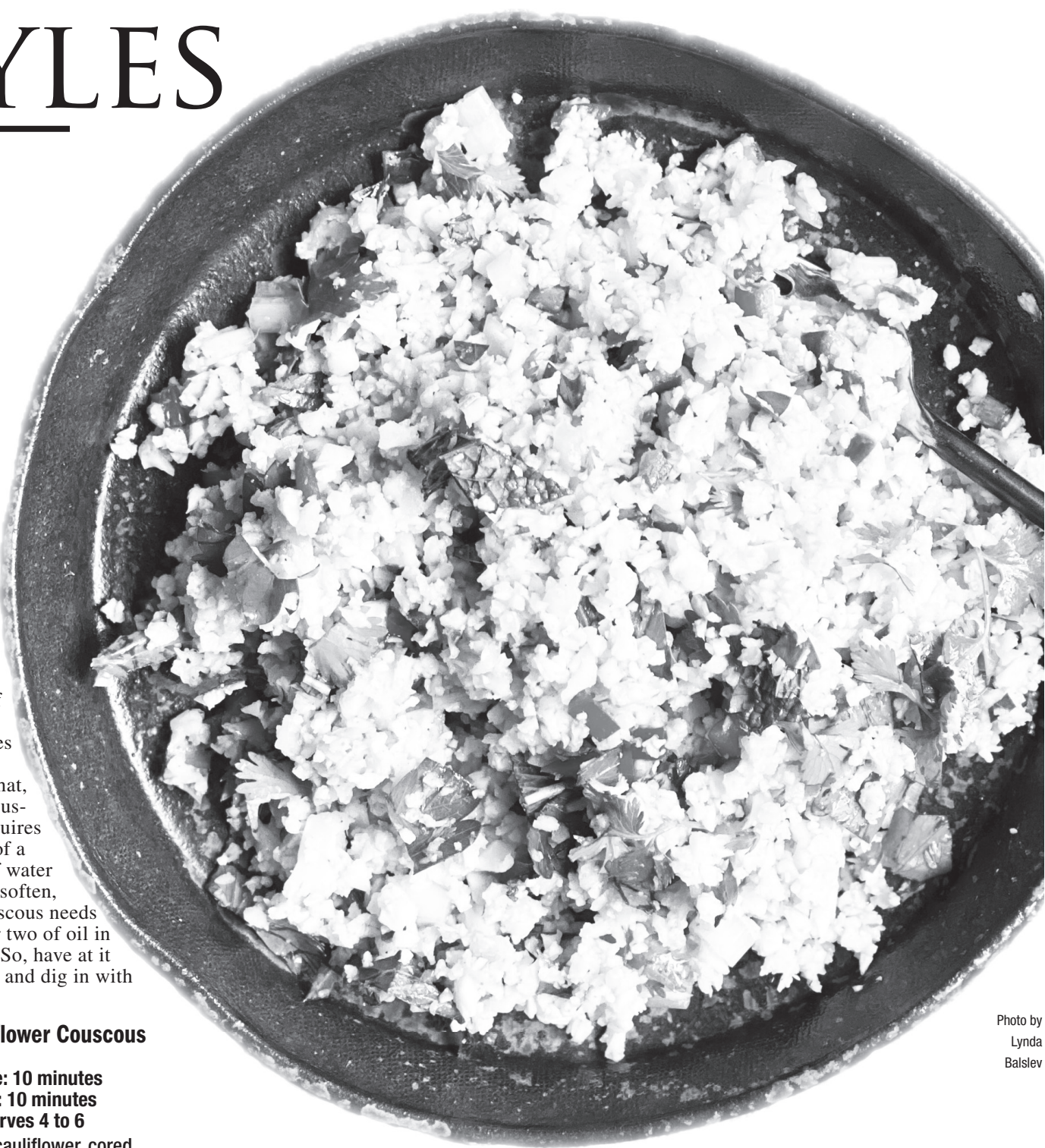


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Competitive eating champion Joey “Jaws” Chestnut wins the 2021 Nathan's Famous 4th of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest with 76 hot dogs, breaking his personal best record of 75 at Coney Island on July 4 in New York City.

## Hot dogs can shave 36 minutes off one’s life, PB&J can restore 33

By **THERESA BRAINE**  
New York Daily News (TNS)

Joey Chestnut better start scarfing nuts and berries. That may help counteract the nearly 46 hours he may have lopped off his life by gulping a winning 76 hot dogs at this year’s Nathan’s hot dog-eating contest. Researchers at the University of Michigan’s school of public health have calculated the health and environmental footprint of eating various foods, and come out with specific numbers. The goal was to home in on environmentally sustainable foods that promote health, then measure the health effects in minutes – ranging from 74 minutes lost to 80 minutes gained per serving, according to a nutritional scale they developed for the study. The bad news is that highly processed meat, beef, shrimp, pork, lamb and greenhouse-grown vegetables are off the menu in this new paradigm. The good news is that all one has to do is tweak.

**“The urgency of dietary changes to improve human health and the environment is clear.”**

**OLIVIER JOLLIET**  
Professor of Environmental Health Sciences at Michigan Public Health

Researchers evaluated more than 5,800 foods to rank them by their nutritional disease burden and their environmental impact. They found that substituting just 10 percent of one’s daily calories for an equal value of fruits, vegetables, nuts, legumes and “select seafood” could reduce one’s dietary carbon footprint by one-third, and grant as many as 48 minutes of healthy life per day. A hot dog on a bun, for instance, can cost a person 36 minutes of healthy life. But a peanut butter and jelly sandwich could increase life by 33 minutes, the researchers found. The researchers, headed by Katerina Styliou – who was a doctoral student and postdoctoral fellow at the school at the time and now works with the Detroit Health Department – measured the minutes using the

Health Nutritional Index, which they developed to calculate the net health burden of eating a particular item. Thus, increasing field-grown fruits and vegetables, legumes, nuts and “low-environmental-impact seafood” can improve one’s longevity chances, the study authors said. “The urgency of dietary changes to improve human health and the environment is clear,” said Olivier Jolliet, professor of Environmental Health Sciences at Michigan Public Health and senior author of the paper, which was published in the journal Nature Food. “Our findings demonstrate that small targeted substitutions offer a feasible and powerful strategy to achieve significant health and environmental benefits without requiring dramatic dietary shifts.”

## ‘Jeopardy!’s’ chaotic search for a new host is a lesson in hidden hiring biases

With coronavirus cases swelling, the debacle of the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, and deadly flooding in Tennessee, the drama over who will succeed the late Alex Trebek as host of “Jeopardy!” is inconsequential.

Yet, it is an interesting distraction and at some point will make a great case study in an MBA human resources course on unconscious bias

**Michelle Singletary**



in the recruitment process, or how Sony Pictures Television mucked up what should have been a progressive hiring decision for one of the best gigs in television. If you’re not a fan of “Jeopardy!” and haven’t been following the news about the host search, here’s the short version of the melodrama. Sony, which produces the iconic quiz show, had a rotation of former contestants, actors, news anchors and an NFL quarterback compete for the hosting position. Once the tryouts were done, Sony announced that the show’s executive producer – an internal candidate – landed the job. Cue disappointment from many fans, including me, that a diverse hire was just too much of a stretch. Richards was the host for a little more than a week before he resigned after a reporter for the Ringer, a website and podcasting network, exposed some offensive, sexist and racist things he said on an obscure podcast. Much has been written about Richards’s comments, and he’s apologized for what he said in the past. But let’s talk about the other important element in this story: The unconscious bias in recruitment that often defaults to a less-than-diverse workforce. Whether it’s conscious or unconscious, women and minorities are often shut out of positions because of their differences from the decision-makers in charge of hiring.

If you dare question why a more diverse candidate wasn’t selected or even considered, you’re usually met with this trifling statement: “We just want to hire the best person for the job.” Two things can exist at the same time – a qualified candidate who is also female, Black or Latinx. The truth is many Americans like the concept of diversity in the workplace until it means challenging the status quo and making a serious effort to change recruiting efforts to be more inclusive. An overwhelming majority of Americans say it’s a very good thing or somewhat good that the U.S. is made up of people of different races and ethnicities, according to a 2019 Pew Research Center report. But in that same poll, 74 percent of Americans say employers should only take a person’s qualifications into account when making these decisions, even if it results in less diversity in the workplace. “As the United States becomes more racially and ethnically diverse, and as companies from Wall Street to Silicon Valley grapple with how to build workforces that reflect these changing demographics, Americans have a complicated, even contradictory, set of views about the impact of diversity and the best way to achieve it,” the Pew report said. This is why we get a Richards-type selection, someone with an institutional advantage. Here’s why diversity matters and has to happen on purpose, including considering an applicants’ race and ethnicity in hiring and promotions. Diversity efforts are like recruiting for a football team. On the field, you need different kinds of players to have an exceptional winning season. You wouldn’t complain that a coach is hiring an offensive guard if he already has a great quarterback. The team needs the talent of both types of athletes to move the ball down the field and score points. Diversity in hiring doesn’t

mean denying a qualified White candidate a job, it’s about considering all of a candidate’s attributes to balance out your team. The life experiences and cultural background of an applicant can be assets, too, in addition to correcting a history of discrimination. Was Richards, who remains the show’s executive producer, really the best hire for the “Jeopardy!” hosting job? Compared to the other job candidates, Richards was mediocre. And in case you’re wondering, Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers was one of my top three picks for the job. I was also rooting for television stars Mayim Bialik and LeVar Burton. Burton hosted the beloved “Reading Rainbow” on PBS. And for goodness’ sake, Bialik, who brilliantly played a neuroscientist on the spectacular sitcom “The Big Bang Theory,” actually has a Ph.D. in neuroscience. In announcing the hosting pick, Sony said Bialik would host prime-time specials for the quiz show. Bialik was gracious about the sidekick selection, but it felt like an appeasement to those who would complain that the entertainment company went with another White guy. Sony could have managed expectations and, in the interest of transparency, should have said, “We have a strong internal White male candidate, so don’t get your hopes up for change.” So, here’s a “Final Jeopardy!” answer: Mike Richards. The correct response is: What is an example of White male privilege? Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer’s name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.



## WCPL changes hours on Monday only

The Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) building hours will be adjusted Monday, Aug. 30 due to an in-house workshop, according to executive director Ware W. Wimberly III. The library building will be open from 9 a.m. to noon, and from 5 to 8 p.m. The library building will be closed from noon to 5 p.m. for an in-house workshop. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Aug. 31. We appreciate your understanding and support. Online and digital resources will continue to be available from noon to 5 p.m., even when the building is closed.

## NMPL

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and one Saturday per month will receive Babe coupons at each session for each 0- to 5-year-old in attendance. “NMPL is excited to collaborate with Babe of Wabash County,” said NMPL director Diane Randall. “This partnership provides parents in our community the opportunity to not only engage their children in rich literacy and educational programs but to also benefit their family financially as well.”

Babe coupons may be redeemed for much-needed baby items like diapers, wipes, clothing, cribs and mattresses, car seats, etc. at the Babe store at 88 W. Hill Street, Wabash.

“Babe of Wabash County is a project under the Community Foundation of Wabash County and is not income based,” said Hann. “It is open to all types of families including biological parents, step-parents, single parents, adoptive parents, guardians, foster parents and grandparents. Babe is a spin-off of a larger organization called B.A.B.E (Beds And Britches, Etc.) B.A.B.E. can be found in many different counties in Indiana. Babe of Wabash County is an incentive-based program that partners with businesses and organizations in the county that promote good health, education, and connections. When parents take their children from pregnancy to 5-year-old to Babe partners, they will earn coupons. In addition, Babe offers classes and support groups. Feeling connected and building relationships with other families and organizations in the

community is a powerful need among people today.”

Earlier this month, Babe of Wabash County executive director Katey Till said they are in the final days of their \$50,000 matching grant period, which ends Tuesday, Aug. 31.

As of early August, they were 33 percent of their goal, but were still in need of \$33,285.61.

Till said in March, 36 coupon books were distributed to various vendors in Wabash, Miami and Huntington County. Since then, a total of 80 coupon books have been distributed and over 1,400 coupons have been issued to patrons that use vendors’ services.

“All of these vendors promote good health, education and connection to families,” said Till. “The services they provide help support families for the benefit of raising healthy, happy and secure children which in return ultimately benefits our community.”

Till said vendors that have distributed the most coupons since March include F.I.S.H., at over 50; Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL), over 100; Babe of Wabash County, over 200; Dr. Larsen and Parkview OB/GYN, over 300; and Healthy Families, over 550.

Babe of Wabash County is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Till said as of earlier this month, over 50 families “of various backgrounds and income levels” have visited the Babe House since April 20.

“Many of these families come to Babe on both Tuesday and Thursday and will stay for one hour or more. They bring their children to play in the playroom, connect with other fami-

lies, interact with our staff and volunteers, and engage their children in the activities and crafts that are offered daily,” said Till. “Our playroom was designed by three teachers who were careful to include areas of learning that teach skills focusing on fine and large motor skills, problem-solving, socio and emotional, math, literacy, critical thinking, spatial thinking, linguistic, body and movement, life-skills, trust and connection. No detail was overlooked because after all, helping to support families who are raising children that are currently in their most critical years of growth for ages 0 to 5 is nothing to scoff at. It was important to get it right.”

Till said out of the 50 families coming to Babe of Wabash County, 35 families have redeemed their coupons for things such as diapers, baby soap, bottles, bibs, crib sheets, baby toys, sippy cups, baby-safe cleaning supplies, clothing and more. Till said 77 percent of the families who have redeemed their coupons are first-time spenders.

Till said Babe of Wabash County started offering classes in June. Since then, 24 families have repeatedly attended any given storytime, art class and creative movement class on Thursday mornings.

“Seeing our storytime area and a playroom full of kids fill my heart beyond measure,” said Till.

For more information, email [babeofwabashinc@gmail.com](mailto:babeofwabashinc@gmail.com) or visit [www.babeofwabashcounty.org](http://www.babeofwabashcounty.org).

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**Gospel Light Assembly of God**, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.


### BAPTIST

**Emmanuel Free Will Baptist**, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

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 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

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**LaFontaine Christian Church**, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website


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 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: [www.wabashchristian.org](http://www.wabashchristian.org). Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

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# Family’s help with child care comes at a cost

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a mother of four (soon to be five) young children. It is exhausting. My husband helps as much as he can, but sometimes we both need a break. My parents offer to watch the kids. The problem is, my parents and I have opposite

political and world views. Sometimes they’ll say things to my children like, “You’re such a ditzzy girl, you better find a good husband!” Or

call a former president “the devil.” My husband and I have VERY different opinions than they do, and we worry about their influence on our children. But, honestly, sometimes we need their help. I don’t think they can keep their opinions to themselves, but I don’t want them anywhere near my kids, either. Is it hypocritical to accept their help? – Different Views In New Jersey

**DEAR DIFFERENT:** Because you need their help and they are willing to babysit “the grands,” I don’t consider accepting it the least bit hypocritical. Your children are too young to know any former presidents, and are not likely to place any importance on what your parents say about them.

I do, however, take issue with planting the idea in a little girl’s head that she is a “ditz” and that her only goal in life should be to marry anyone. Your daughter is growing up in a very different world than the one your mother was raised in. These days, girls are expected to follow their own path, get an education, work and become independent. Marriage, if it happens, comes later.

You and your husband should tell your children (in an age-appropriate way) that their grandparents love them, but have different ideas about things than Mommy and Daddy do. Then reinforce that they are smart, honest, good and any other virtues you would like to implant in their little heads.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am married to a man from an affluent family. I love my in-laws and enjoy hosting dinners for them. My gay brother-in-law, “Karl” – who is my favorite person in the group – is seeing a guy, “Warren,” who is 30 years younger. Their relationship is on and off. Warren usually shows up when it’s convenient or when he wants money.

My problem is, when I invite the family, Karl always asks if he can bring his boyfriend. Each time Warren shows up, I become anxious because he has no social graces. At all. He cuts people off at the buffet line, picks through pieces of meat on the serving platter looking for the “best” cut and acts like he hasn’t eaten for days. I want to continue inviting Karl, so should I be honest and say, “Please do not bring your boyfriend,” or stop hosting family dinners? – Anxious In California

**DEAR ANXIOUS:** If you invite Karl and tell him not to bring Warren, the chances are he will refuse your future invitations. What you might do, however, is mention to him that his boyfriend’s social graces could use some “polishing,” and note what he does at the buffet. It’s possible that he “acts like he hasn’t eaten for days” because you are such a terrific cook he can’t keep himself from scarfing. Or maybe it has been a while since he’s had a square meal.

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## Dear Abby



## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 NY baseballer
- 4 Chatty alien
- 7 Behind, at sea
- 10 Keogh relative
- 11 Photo session
- 13 Imitate a dove
- 14 Resinous deposit
- 15 Kind of physicist
- 16 Use henna
- 17 Anesthetic
- 19 Demanding
- 21 Cut down
- 23 Nasty laugh
- 24 From Juneau
- 28 Rookie surfer
- 32 Society girl
- 33 So-so grade
- 35 Where Cuzco is
- 36 Made cheddar better
- 38 Boat implement
- 39 XXI times C
- 40 Lodging place
- 42 Ivories tickler

- 45 “— Wieder-sehen”
- 47 Camp-ground initials
- 48 Snake-haired lady
- 51 Scuba diving sites
- 55 Fleming or McKellen
- 56 Demand
- 58 Spy org.
- 59 Kind of vaccine
- 60 Old photo color
- 61 Cleaning cloth
- 62 Airline to Stockholm
- 63 Informal parent
- 64 Colorado tribe

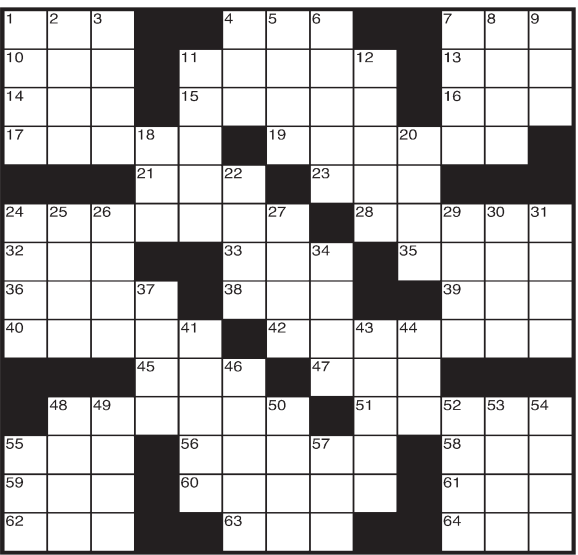
### DOWN

- 1 Denver’s altitude
- 2 QED part
- 3 Dash gauge
- 4 Happy sighs
- 5 Land parcels
- 6 Comic’s “Sally —”
- 7 Down Under rockers
- 8 Indy winner A.J. —

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

KISS MAROON ORCHID  
ALONSO MODULE  
VENI RUN HON  
COWGIRL  
ATM RAH VEGA  
WAYLAY AVERT  
ELTON CLINKS  
CHUG EAU ESP  
DEADSEA  
AMT ISU LUNG  
MEOWED ANGLER  
AMPERE LEANER  
HOSES TEAR

- 9 Familiar digit
- 11 Mr. Spock’s father
- 12 Rabbi’s reading
- 18 Codgers’ queries
- 20 Flapjack chain
- 22 Baylor University
- 24 Father of Cain
- 25 Engineering toy
- 26 Be a party to
- 27 First-quarter tide
- 29 Actress — Moore
- 30 Starfish features
- 31 Conduit
- 34 Kramer or Estrada
- 37 Pet name
- 41 Racing sleds
- 43 Heart outlet
- 44 Kilt-wearer’s refusal
- 46 Tricked
- 48 Fete
- 49 Unwelcome obligation
- 50 Wine valley
- 52 Light tan
- 53 Royal decree
- 54 Prudent
- 55 Maybes
- 57 Scotland Yard div.



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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

7	6			1	3			8
				4		3		
			6				1	
	1				2	8		3
		7				5		
5		2	8					4
	4				9			
		3		6				
8			7	3			9	1

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
2	6	3	9	7	1	4	8	5
8	9	1	5	3	4	7	6	2
5	7	4	6	2	8	9	1	3
1	8	5	4	9	3	2	7	6
9	3	7	8	6	2	1	5	4
4	2	6	7	1	5	8	3	9
3	4	2	1	5	7	6	9	8
6	1	8	3	4	9	5	2	7
7	5	9	2	8	6	3	4	1

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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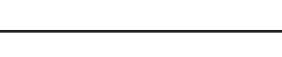
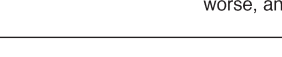
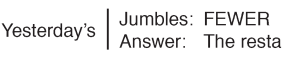
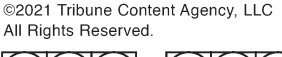
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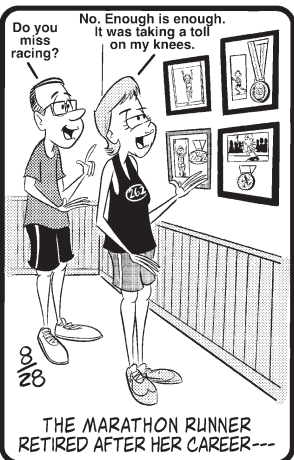


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### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

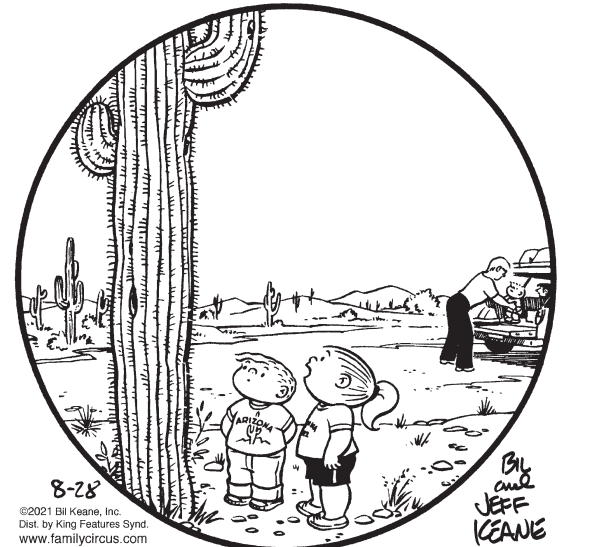
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

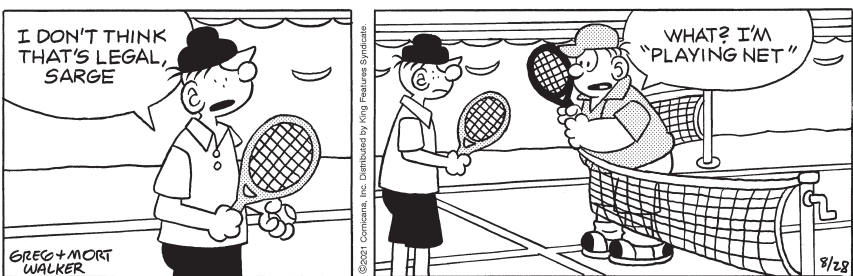
### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



“They have all those needles ’cause they don’t like to be climbed.”

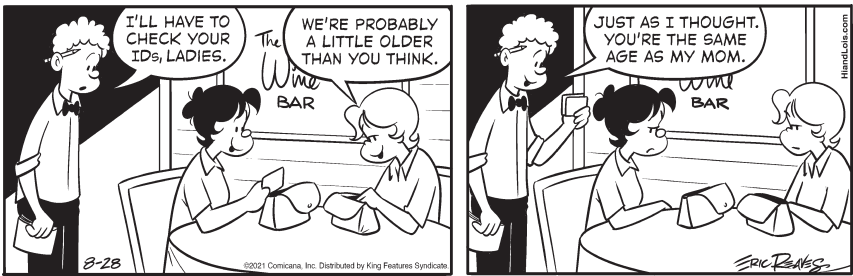
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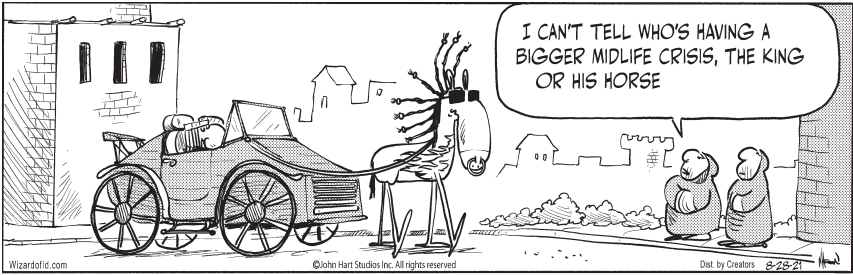
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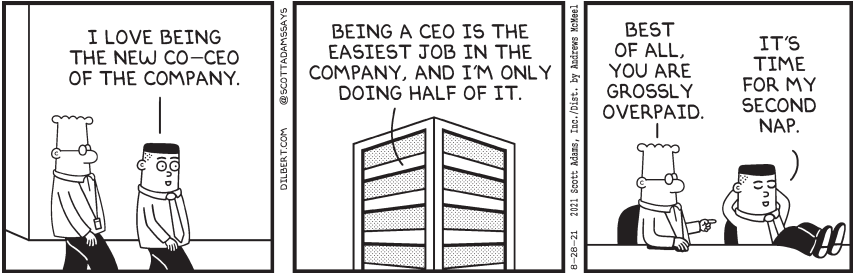
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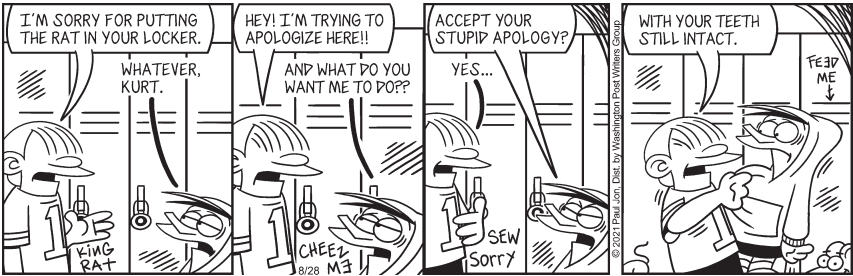
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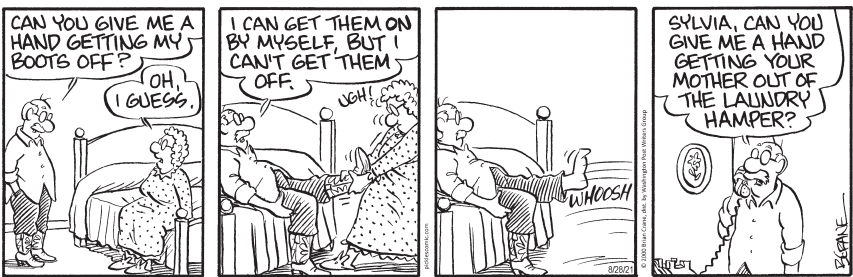
## GARFIELD



## FORT KNOX



## PICKLES



# Is bad language considered sin?

**Q:** I am shocked to hear the deplorable language used by the majority of people these days whether in business meetings, on television, or in the classroom. Does the Bible address cursing, and does God consider it sin? – B.L.

**A:** A reporter once asked several people to describe sin. One young man said, “You know what sin is when you get a feeling in your gut that something’s wrong.” In a blogged response to the online article, another person said he always felt dirty using foul language but didn’t think it would send him to Hell. God does not overlook sin; He forgives sin when people humble themselves and repent.

What we’ve come to call four-letter words have always been considered vile. But the most awful word known to

man is the word “sin” because it gathers up all the wickedness mankind expresses. Three letters make up three little words, but their message packs a powerful blow – Sin Is In! Some ask, “What is it in?” The answer: “Sin is in everyone who lives.”

The Bible tells us that we should let no corrupt talk come from our mouths (Ephesians 4:29). Sin manifests itself in people’s hearts. Men, women, and children need to be told that they are sinners. This is what God declares. People can make a mistake, an error, or a psychological

twist, but God calls it sin. That’s the bad news.

But there is also good news. God loves the sinner. Sin’s remedy has been provided for through the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. God sent Jesus down from Heaven to wipe out the very thing that holds us hostage to guilt, shame, and utter hopelessness. He has crushed sin’s power through His abundant love and all we have to do is accept His gift. God proclaims, “I will cleanse them from all their iniquity ... and I will pardon all their iniquities” (Jeremiah 33:8).

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“SGBLB’V JPSGRJC TPF YHJ LBHMMT  
XP SP ALBAHLB SP LPYO. XP TPF  
ALBAHLB SP BHS H XBMRYRPFV  
WBHM?” — ZHYO UMHYO

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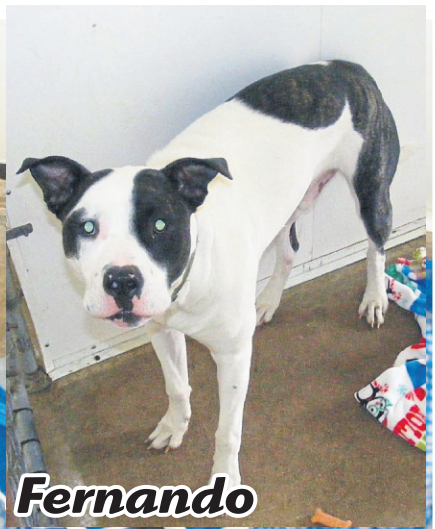
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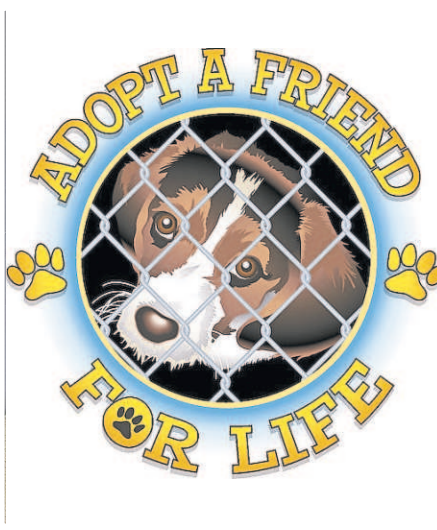
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